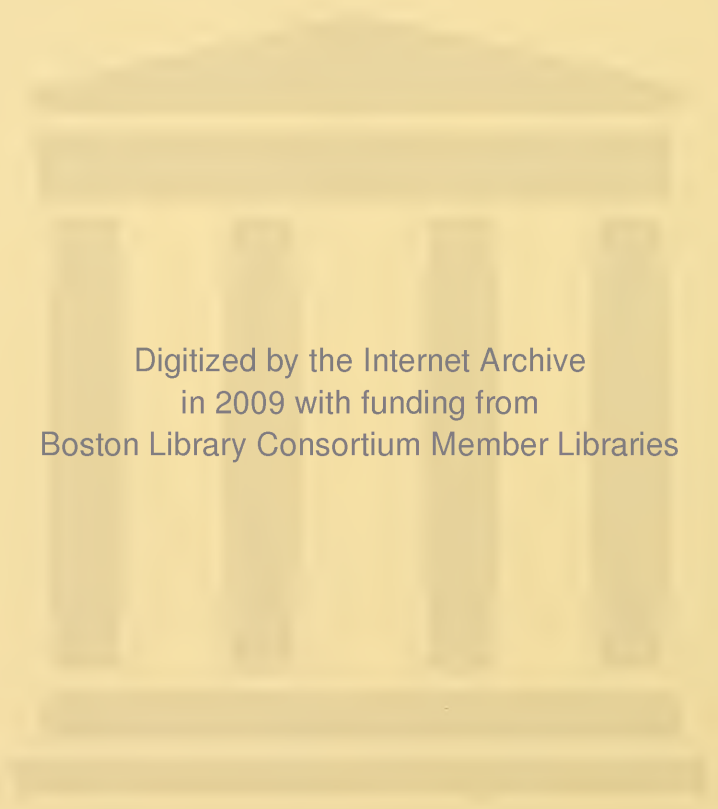


TOWN OF
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ANNUAL REPORT
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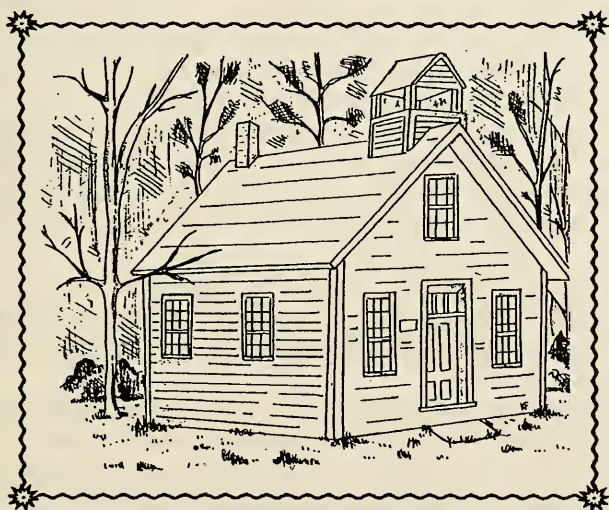
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OF THE
OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF
DORCHESTER, N.H.



Dorchester Historical Museum

*by
Karl Franz*

**Year Ended
December 31, 2001**

Selectmen's Report

The year 2001 was a busy time for the Selectmen with exceptional problems that we all hope will not be repeated.

On April 13, town bridge #132/166 over Rocky Branch Brook, was destroyed by ice. This bridge provided access to three properties, one being the Melanson property. Hank and Alice Melanson are full time residents of the Town of Dorchester, and have been for many years. Within hours, an emergency entrance to their residence was provided off Bickford Woods Road. The Selectmen met the following day to declare an "emergency". The State of New Hampshire was contacted about providing a temporary bridge. However, the State would not provide a temporary bridge at the original site, nor provide funds for replacing the bridge as it was, without raising the bridge approximately three feet above its previous height, and this would mean that a substantial portion of the North Dorchester Road would have to be raised as well. Even with the State providing 80% of the funding, the project was far too big for the Town to undertake. The only practical solution became apparent; to build a new road to the properties from Bickford Woods Road; eliminating the need for a bridge. The State readily agreed to fund 80% of the cost of the road, most of the remaining funds came from the road budget, eliminating many of the other projects planned for 2001.

Another section of the North Dorchester Road was in danger of being washed out. This problem required a substantial repair/replacement of effected roadway. As the job was too big for Town equipment and personnel, it had to be contracted out, placing additional strain on the road budget.

Some other road problems which concerned us were that some logging operations had damaged Town roads. We were able to resolve the matter by persuading the loggers responsible to fix the damage without going to court.

Other problems were resolved, even with the very tight budget due to the road/bridge problems and the necessary expenditures required throughout the year. For 2002, it looks as if we can proceed with a number of projects that were postponed because of the extraordinary problems mention above.

A possible source of additional revenue for the Town can be from the sale of tax lien properties. This should help reduce the strain on money needed to be raised by taxes next year. The largest part of moneys spent go for education, which is complicated by State involvement still being debated in Concord, making it impossible for us to predict what effect there might be on our tax rate in the future.

We look hopefully toward a good 2002.

Selectmen's Meetings for



2002



January 10 & 24

February 7 & 21

March 7 & 21

April 4 & 18

May 2, 16 & 30

June 13 & 27

July 11 & 25

August 8 & 22

September 5 & 19

October 3, 17 & 31

November 14 & 21

December 5 & 19

Meetings are held at the Town Office at
6:30 p.m.

Selectmen are generally ready to meet with the
public by 7:00 p.m.

DORCHESTER TOWN OFFICERS - 2001

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert R. Estabrook 2004 (C)

Andrew Houghton 2002

John A. Cote 2003

MODERATOR

Henry L. Melanson 2002

TOWN TREASURER

E. James Scott 2002

Samantha Scott, Deputy

TOWN CLERK

Brenda Howe 2002

Darlene Oaks, Deputy

TAX COLLECTOR

Delbert G. Pratt 2002

Marilyn Pratt, Deputy

ROAD AGENT

George C. Conkey, II 2002

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Daniel Conkey

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Jay Legg

WELFARE DIRECTOR

Alice E. Melanson

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Darlene Oaks 2004

Brian Howe 2002

Brenda Howe 2003

AUDITORS

Martha L. Walker 2002

Cindy Azotea 2002

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Marilyn Pratt 2004

Christine Morgan 2005

Darlene Oaks 2006

PLANNING BOARD

David Morrill 2003(C)

Linda Landry 2003

David DeVall 2002

E. James Scott 2004

Darlene Oaks 2004

John A. Cote, Sic. Rep.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

David Morrill (C)

Brian Howe

Stuart Ross

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Martha Walker 2004

Robert Brown 2002

Louis A. Delsart 2003

REPRESENTATIVE TO PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
Vacant

REPRESENTATIVE TO UVLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Robert R. Estabrook

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Robert Pon (C)
Darlene Oaks

Christine Morgan
Linda M. Landry

Patricia Franz
Martha Walker

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Nadine A. Conkey 2002

REPRESENTATIVES TO MASCOMA HEALTH COUNCIL

Vacant

MEETING TIMES

Board of Selectmen: Every other Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Phone: 786-9476

Town Clerk: Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Monday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Sat. 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.
Selectmen's Office. Phone 786-9476

Tax Collector: No set time/hours. Town House Road
Phone: 523-7374 (Home)

Planning Board: 2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
Selectmen's Office Phone 786-9476

Board of Adjustment: As required. Selectmen's Office

Transfer Station: Wednesday 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m (until 9/8)
Wednesday 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m (after 9/8)
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Notary Public: Select. Meetings and upon request (523-7119)
Free of charge to Dorchester Residents

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In any emergency, please call 911

FIRE: Canaan 911 - 448-1212
Rumney 911 - 524-1545
Lyme 911 - 643-3610

F.A.S.T. Squad Canaan 911 - 448-1212

POLICE: State Police 1-800-562-8236
State Police (F-Troop) 1-271-1170

Grafton County Sheriff's Dept. 1-800-552-0393

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester in the County of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester on Tuesday, the 12th day of March 2002, polls to be open for voting on Article 1 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and to close not earlier than 7 o'clock in the afternoon, with action on the remaining articles to be taken commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon on Saturday, March 16, 2002.

- 1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.**
- 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) to be added to the capital reserve funds of the Town as follows:**

Town Building Fund	\$2,500.00
Highway Equipment Fund.....	\$3,000.00
Bridges Fund.....	\$2,500.00
Revaluation of Property Fund.....	\$10,000.00

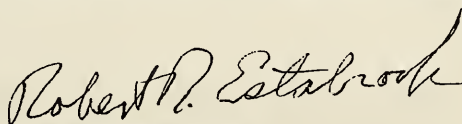
Recommended by Selectmen

- 3. To see if the Town will vote to approve a raise in the Town Clerk's salary from seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) per year plus fees to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per year plus fees.**
- 4. To see if the Town will vote to approve a raise in the Road Agent's salary as follows:**

1st year.....	\$27,000.00
2nd year.....	\$27,810.00
3rd year and upon reelection...	\$28,644.00
- 5. To see if the Town will vote to hire one (1) full time employee, who meets the criteria of a Level III Highway Maintainer, for the Road Department. The entire salary amount, \$20,000.00/yr. based on a 40 hr. week, will come from the Road budget.**

6. To see if the voters will ratify the acceptance of a deed of land located on the southwesterly side of Cummings Pond Road, as donated to the town by Arthur and Barbara Stout, on such terms and conditions as contained within the deed.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum, not to exceed, thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000.00) for the purchase of a trailer and trailer package for Truck #1, and a broom and york rake to be used on a new Loader/Backhoe (to be obtained separately through a lease/purchase agreement), and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of that sum from the Highway Equipment and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thirty-seven thousand, six hundred twenty-nine dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$237,629.78) , to defray Town charges. (This excludes the amounts in Article 2 and 7)
9. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

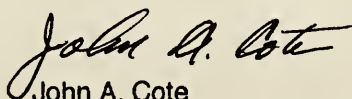
Given under our hands this 21st day of February 2002.



Robert R. Estabrook



Andrew Houghton



John A. Cote

Selectmen, Town of Dorchester

DORCHESTER TOWN BUDGET

1	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	'01 APPRO.	'01 EXPENDITURES	OVERSPENT	UNDERSPENT	2002 RECOMMENDED
2	Officers' Salaries	\$12,000.00	\$11,679.64		\$320.36	\$13,000.00
3	Officers' Expenses	\$18,000.00	\$22,744.39	\$4,744.39		\$20,000.00
4	Election & Registration	\$900.00	\$638.03		\$261.97	\$1,000.00
5	General Govt. Buildings	\$3,500.00	\$7,195.76	\$3,695.76		\$4,000.00
6	Planning & Development	\$400.00	\$377.83		\$22.17	\$400.00
7	Property Appraisal	\$1,000.00	\$800.56		\$199.44	\$3,000.00
8	Legal Expenses	\$5,000.00	\$3,112.53		\$1,887.47	\$5,000.00
9	Regional Associations	\$1,000.00	\$971.00		\$29.00	\$1,000.00
10	Town Reports & Mailing	\$1,200.00	\$978.85		\$221.15	\$1,200.00
11	Timber Survey Fund	\$1,200.00	\$405.00		\$795.00	\$400.00
12	Cemeteries	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	-----		\$1,400.00
13	Contingency Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
15	PUBLIC SAFETY					
16	Forest Fire Protection	\$1,000.00	\$467.39		\$532.61	\$1,000.00
17	Fire Department Contracts	\$16,000.00	\$5,969.77		\$10,030.23	\$16,000.00
18	Police Department	\$100.00	\$0.00		\$100.00	\$100.00
19	Animal Control	\$600.00	\$443.82		\$156.18	\$1,000.00
20	911 & Emergency Mgt.	\$500.00	\$446.52		\$53.48	\$750.00
22	Highways, Streets, Bridges					
23	Town Maintenance	\$75,000.00	\$123,833.64		\$6,910.22	\$120,000.00
24	Highway Block Grant	\$28,341.40	estimated Block Grant Aid for 2002 -	\$29,346.33		
25	Donations - Reimbursements	\$27,402.46				
26	TOTAL	\$130,743.86				

		'01 APPRO.	'01 EXPENDITURES	OVERSPENI	UNDERSPENI	2002 RECOMMENDED
27						
28	SANITATION					
29	Solid Waste Disposal	\$22,000.00	\$21,939.25		\$60.75	\$18,784.50
30	PBSW & NHRRA /Dues	\$385.28				\$385.28
32	HEALTH					
33	Canaan F.A.S.T. Squad	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00			\$3,500.00
34	VN & NH Visiting Nurses	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00			\$1,420.00
35	Plymouth Task Force	\$330.00	\$330.00			\$340.00
36	Sr. Citizens Council	\$570.00	\$570.00			\$600.00
37	Plymouth Reg. Clinic	\$300.00				\$300.00
39	WELFARE					
40	General Assistance	\$5,000.00	\$2,616.80		\$2,383.20	\$5,000.00
41	(Includes CAP, Youth & Family Services, Welfare Directors Salary and Expenses)					
43	DEBT SERVICE					
44	Interest TA Loan	\$2,000.00	\$485.02		\$1,514.98	\$2,000.00
46	MISCELLANEOUS					
47	Insurance	\$9,500.00	\$3,533.00		\$5,967.00	\$13,500.00
48	NH Unemployment Comp.	\$46.43	\$49.54	\$3.11		\$50.00
49	Tax Refunds	\$2,000.00	\$375.00		\$1,625.00	\$2,000.00
50	TOTALS	\$242,525.57	\$217,213.34	TOTAL		\$237,629.78
51						

SOURCES OF REVENUES

SOURCE	'01 ESTIMATE	'01 ACTUAL	2002 ESTIMATE
TAXES			
Yield Taxes	\$23,000.00	\$31,000.83	\$23,000.00
Interest & Penalties	\$1,000.00	\$5,019.43	\$1,000.00
STATE OF NH			
Revenue Sharing	\$10,000.00	\$11,800.00	\$10,000.00
Rooms & Meals Tax	\$6,000.00	\$9,199.48	\$8,000.00
Highway Block Grant	\$28,341.40	\$28,341.40	\$29,346.33
State Forest Land	\$600.00	\$643.97	\$600.00
LICENSES & FEES			
Motor Vehicles	\$28,000.00	\$37,443.50	\$30,000.00
Dog Licenses	\$600.00	\$581.13	\$500.00
Permits & Filing Fees	\$100.00	\$255.00	\$200.00
UCC Fees	\$200.00	\$201.66	\$200.00
MISCELLANEOUS			
Planning Board	\$0.00	\$382.60	\$0.00
Insurance Div/Refunds	\$150.00	\$4,013.68	\$150.00
Sale of Town Property	\$100.00	\$18,507.20	\$100.00
Restitution (Carter)	\$0.00	\$5,040.22	\$0.00
Taxes Bought by Town		\$14,260.11	
F.E.M.A. Payments		\$5,486.73	
Interest on Deposits	\$500.00	\$833.41	\$500.00
Forest Fire Training Reimb.		\$118.18	
Forestry Grant Reimbursement		\$3,198.00	
Road Repair Reimbursement		\$5,928.10	
Donations		\$1,004.00	
Pistol Per./ copies		\$30.00	
MVRSD (Superv. Reimb.)		\$40.00	
VNANHVT		\$1,350.00	
Town Hall Indemnification Fee		\$70.00	
Insurance/Moose Collision		\$1,802.14	
Community Dev. Block Grant Reimb		\$3,000.00	
Reimbursement Warranty Truck		\$260.42	
Current Use Filing Fee		\$15.00	
Bridge Aid-Partial Payment		\$16,800.00	\$30,000.00
TOTAL	\$98,591.40	\$206,626.19	\$133,596.33

DETAILED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Property Taxes:

Current Year.....	\$334,414.88
Interest.....	\$2,333.23
Prior Years.....	\$127,567.51
Interest.....	\$2,686.20

Redeemed Taxes:

Lien Amount.....	\$8,513.29
Costs and Interest.....	\$705.17

Yield Taxes:

Current Year.....	\$28,955.36
Prior Years.....	\$2,045.47

State of NH:

Revenue Sharing.....	\$11,801.00
Rooms & Meals Tax.....	\$9,199.48
Highway Block Grant.....	\$28,341.40
State Forest Land.....	\$643.97

Motor Vehicles Fees.....	\$37,443.50
Dog Licenses & Penalties.....	\$581.13
Title Fees & Copies.....	\$255.00
U.C.C. Filings.....	\$201.66
Municipal Agent's Fee.....	\$1,162.50
Fees/Penalties.....	\$190.00
Insurance Dividend.....	\$4,013.68
Restitution (Carter).....	\$5,040.22
Road Repair Reimbursements.....	\$5,928.10
Taxes Bought by Town.....	\$14,260.11
Forest Fire Training Reimbursement.....	\$118.18
Town Hall Indemnification Fees.....	\$70.00
Reimbursement Supervisors of the Checklist (MVRSD).....	\$40.00
Land Use Board.....	\$382.60
Pistol Permits.....	\$30.00
F.E.M.A (Blizzard 2001).....	\$5,486.73
Interest on Deposits.....	\$833.41
Sale of Town Property.....	\$18,507.20
Donations.....	\$1,004.00
Forestry Grant Reimbursement.....	\$3,198.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance (overpayment).....	\$1,350.00
Insurance (Moose Collision).....	\$1,802.14

Community Development Block Grant Reimbursement.....	\$3,000.00
Warranty Truck Reimbursement.....	\$260.42
Bridge Aid Prepayment.....	\$16,800.00
Current Use Filing Fee.....	\$15.00

Total Receipts for 2001.....	\$708,276.39
Cash on hand January 1, 2001.....	\$41,967.50
Cash Available for 2001.....	\$750,243.89
Balance on hand, December 31, 2001.....	\$36,469.92

SUMMARY OF VALUATIONS

Net Land Values, 27,135.35 acres.....	\$7,733,301.00
Tax Exempt Land.....	\$601,707.00
Net Taxable Land Value.....	\$7,733,301.00
C.U. Valuation, 25,352.70.....	\$1,202,768.00
Land (All Other), 1,782.65 acres.....	\$6,530,533.00
 Buildings (All).....	\$9,858,244.00
Less Tax Exempt Buildings.....	\$401,900.00
Net Taxable Buildings Valuation.....	\$9,456,344.00
 Public Utilities, NH Electric Co-op.....	\$632,378.00
 Total Evaluation Before Exemption.....	\$18,223,923.00
Elderly Exemptions.....	\$36,000.00
Valuation on which tax rate is computed.....	\$18,187,923.00

TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATE

Net Assessed Valuation.....	\$18,187,923.00
Town Property Taxes Assessed.....	\$441,140.00
Less War Service Credit.....	\$5,250.00
Net Property Tax Commitment.....	\$435,890.00
Tax Rate per \$1,000.....	\$ 24.48
Municipal....\$3.21	County....\$1.69
	Local School.....\$12.33
	State Education..... \$7.25

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town House, Land & Buildings.....	\$94,000.00
Contents.....	\$1,350.00
Selectmen's Office, Land & Buildings.....	\$30,900.00
Contents.....	\$5,000.00
Police Department Equipment.....	\$100.00
Highway Department, Equipment & Materials.....	\$176,400.00
Historical Museum.....	\$12,400.00
Other Town Land.....	\$37,029.00
Forest Fire Equipment.....	\$2,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$359,179.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2001

ASSETS:

Cash on Hand.....	\$36,469.92
Funds in custody of Treasurer.....	\$36,469.92
Unredeemed Taxes.....	\$75,750.06
Uncollected Taxes.....	\$115,496.98
Property Taxes.....	\$99,338.43
Yield Taxes.....	\$14,398.55
Land Use Change.....	\$1,760.00
Total Assets.....	\$227,716.96

LIABILITIES:

Accounts owed by the Town:

School Taxes Payable, January - June 2002.....	\$176,010.00
Total Liabilities.....	\$176,010.00

FUND BALANCE (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)....**\$51,706.96**

RECONCILIATION:

Fund Balance, December 31, 2000.....	\$104,282.03
Fund Balance December 31, 2001.....	\$51,706.96
Change In Financial Condition.....	-\$52,575.07

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 2001

CASH ON HAND, January 1, 2001.....\$41,967.50

Includes:..... \$8,002.00 (Mascoma Checking
\$29,045.38 (Mascoma Savings Bank)
\$4,920.12 (Pemigewasset)

RECEIVED FROM:

Tax Collector..... \$517,944.02
Town Clerk.....\$37,928.79
Selectmen.....\$117,333.58
Outstanding Loans.....\$34,236.59
Interest..... \$833.41

TOTAL RECEIPT.....**\$708,276.39**

TOTAL AVAILABLE.....**\$750,243.89**

PAYMENTS BY ORDER OF SELECTMEN.....\$713,773.97

CASH ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 2001.....\$36,469.92

MASCOMA SAVINGS BANK (Checking).....\$15,913.53

MASCOMA SAVINGS BANK (Money Mgmt).....\$11,420.07

PEMIGEWASSET NATIONAL BANK.....**\$9,136.32**

TOTAL.....\$36,469.92

1999 APPRO. FOR OFFICE RENOVATIONS.

Balance on Hand December 31, 2001 (Mascoma MMGT).....\$237.91

F.E.M.A.

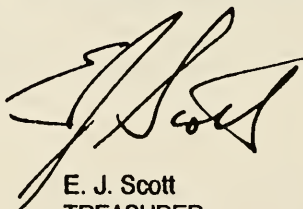
Balance on Hand December 31, 2000.....\$25,123.20

Paid Out.....\$22,542.50

Received 2000.....**\$5,486.73**

Balance on Hand December 31, 2001 (Mascoma MMGT).....\$ 8,067.43

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



E. J. Scott
TREASURER

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

**For the Municipality of Dorchester, N.H.
Year Ending 12-31-01**

Uncollected Taxes- Beginning Year: 2001	Prior
Property Taxes.....	\$137,427.62
Land Use Change.....	\$1,760.00
Yield Taxes.....	\$2,524.44
Taxes Committed This Year:	
Property Taxes.....	\$435,405.01
Yield Taxes.....	\$42,874.94
Interest on Delinquent Taxes.....	\$0.00
Overpayment Property Taxes.....	\$0.00
Bad Checks.....	\$1,934.55
TOTAL DEBITS.....	\$478,279.95....\$143,646.61

Remitted to treasurer during FY:

Property Taxes.....	\$334,417.88.....	\$127,567.51
Yield Taxes.....	\$28,955.36.....	\$2,045.47
Interest/Costs.....	\$2,333.23.....	\$2,686.20
Abatements made.....	\$0.00.....	\$0.00
Uncollected Taxes, end of year:		
Property Taxes.....	\$99,338.43.....	\$0.00
Land Use Change.....	\$0.00.....	\$1,760.00
Yield Taxes.....	\$13,919.58.....	\$478.97
TOTAL CREDITS.....	\$478,964.48....	\$146,446.98

Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Year.....	\$58,559.69
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year.....	\$11,908.83
Int. & Costs Collected after Lien Execution.....	\$705.17
TOTAL DEBITS.....	\$71,173.69

Remittance to Treasurer:

Redemptions.....	\$8,513.29
Interest & Costs After Lien Execution.....	\$705.17
Unredeemed Liens Balance, End of Year.....	\$62,534.27
TOTAL CREDITS.....	\$76,752.73



Delbert Pratt, Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

December 31, 2001

Cash on Hand 1/1/01.....\$100.00

Car Registrations - 497.....\$37,443.50

Title Fees + Copies.....\$255.00

Dog Licenses - 90.....\$581.13

UCC Filings\$201.66

Misc. (Maps, Permits, Copies, Filing Fees).....\$190.00

M.A.F.....\$1,162.50

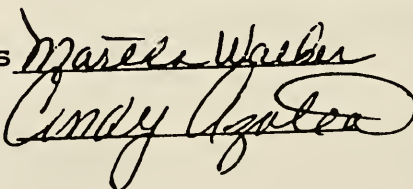
Total Remitted to Treasurer.....\$39,833.79

Cash on Hand, December 31, 2001.....\$100.00

AUDITORS' REPORT

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Cemetery Trustees and the Trustees of Trust Funds, and find them correctly and properly vouched.

January 26, 2002

Auditors 

2001 REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Receipts:

Town Appropriation.....	\$1,400.00
Bank Interest	\$10.34
Balance on Hand for 2001	\$331.32
TOTAL.....	\$1,723.45

Payments:

<i>Dorchester Cemetery</i>	\$395.25
<i>Town House Cemetery</i>	\$170.00
<i>Cheever Cemetery</i>	\$180.00
<i>North Dorchester Cemetery</i>	\$180.00
American Legion Post 76 (flags).....	\$48.00
Bank Service Charges.....	\$15.00
SS & Medicare Taxes.....	\$70.78
Less \$300.00 for fence for Dorchester Cemetery.....	<u>\$300.00</u>
TOTAL.....	\$1,359.03

Balance on Hand for 2002.....\$382.63

Respectfully submitted,
Cemetery Trustees

DETAILED REPORT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.....\$11,679.64

Robert R. Estabrook, Selectman (Chairman).....	\$1,385.24
Andrew Houghton, Selectman.....	\$1,385.24
John A. Cote, Selectman.....	\$1,385.24
E. James Scott, Treasurer.....	\$923.50
Samantha L. Scott, Dep. Treasurer.....	\$55.40
Delbert Pratt, Tax Collector.....	\$1,385.24
Marilyn Pratt, Dep. Tax Collector.....	\$55.40
Brenda Howe, Town Clerk (Salary + Fees).....	\$2,369.74
Darlene Oaks, Dep. Town Clerk.....	\$751.40
Darlene Oaks, Trustee of Trust Funds.....	\$46.17
Brenda Howe, Trustee of Trust Funds.....	\$46.17
Brian Howe, Trustee of Trust Fund.....	\$46.17
Martha L. Walker, Auditor.....	\$92.35
Cindy Azotea, Auditor.....	\$92.35
F.I.C.A.....	\$1,660.03

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES.....\$22,744.39

Linda Landry, Sec/Bkkpr.....	\$9,472.47
F.I.C.A.....	\$1,933.00
Withholding.....	\$1,100.00
Deputy Town Clerk Training.....	\$96.05
Legal Books & Publications.....	\$625.62
Mileage.....	\$1,615.53
Postage.....	\$1,187.58
Computer/Copier Service.....	\$905.74
Real Estate Transfers (Deeds).....	\$349.34
Supplies.....	\$1,955.41
Tax Bills.....	\$2,115.00
Telephone/FAX.....	\$1,128.65
Workshops/Seminars.....	\$260.00

REGISTRATION & ELECTION.....\$638.03

John Morrissey, Ballot Clerk.....	\$49.88
Alice Melanson, Ballot Clerk.....	\$55.13
Henry Melanson, Moderator.....	\$63.00
Christine M. Morgan, Supervisor of Checklist.....	\$75.15
Darlene Oaks, Supervisor of Checklist.....	\$109.74
Marilyn Pratt, Supervisor of Checklist.....	\$93.62
F.I.C.A.....	\$53.91
Legal Notices.....	\$137.60

TOWN REPORTS OF 2000.....\$978.85

Estabrook Printing.....	\$813.25
Postage.....	\$139.68
Addressing and Mailing.....	\$25.92

LAND USE BOARDS.....	\$377.83
John A. Cote, Permit Officer.....	\$22.16
Legal Notices.....	\$284.60
Legal Publications.....	\$30.00
Postage.....	\$37.40
F.I.C.A.....	\$3.67

TOWN BUILDINGS.....	\$7,195.76
A.M. Rand Co.....	\$37.98
Ashland Lumber	\$127.37
Nancy Cote (Grounds).....	\$347.24
Lee Hennessy Plumbing (Town Hall).....	\$1,104.67
Johnson & Dix (Town Hall).....	\$1,763.66
K & R. Portable Toilets.....	\$504.00
Greg Lemay (Shoveling).....	\$27.70
N.H. Electric Co-op.....	\$1,129.30
Pike Industries Inc.....	\$214.80
Verizon (Town Hall).....	\$375.92
Small Engine Technology.....	\$42.60
Yeaton Agway.....	\$50.97
Yeaton Oil Co. (Town Office).....	\$1,407.43
F.I.C.A.....	\$62.12

PROPERTY APPRAISAL.....	\$800.56
David A. Morrill.....	\$193.93
Earls, Nieder, Perkins, LLC.....	\$587.50
F.I.C.A.....	\$19.13

FORESTER'S SERVICES.....	\$405.00
Brenda Brown, Registered Forester.....	\$405.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Protection.....	\$5,969.77
Town of Rumney Fire Dept.....	\$5,969.77

Forest Fire Dept.	\$467.39
John Jay Legg, Warden (Grant).....	\$216.56
John Jay Legg, Warden (Fire Training).....	\$65.68
John Reitsma (Fire Training).....	\$33.87
Michael Joyce (Fire Training).....	\$66.11
Matthew Down.....	\$61.77
F.I.C.A.....	\$23.40

Animal Control.....	\$443.82
Daniel Conkey.....	\$230.88
John A. Cote.....	\$62.80
F.I.C.A.....	\$48.65
Grafton County Sheriff's Dept.....	\$62.50
Southern Public Safety Equip. (badge).....	\$38.99

LEGAL EXPENSES.....	\$3,112.53
Mitchell & Bates, PA.....	\$3,112.53

HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES.....	\$123,833.64
Payroll/F.I.C.A.....	\$43,424.90
Town Maintenance.....	\$80,408.74
Includes: Highway Block Grant	\$28,341.40
Donations & Reimbursements.....	\$27,402.46
 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL.....	 \$21,939.25
Town of Rumney, Transfer Station.....	\$21,839.25
Plymouth Village Water & Sewage District.....	\$100.00
 DORCHESTER CEMETERY COMMITTEE.....	 \$1,400.00
 HEALTH.....	 \$5,750.00
Canaan F.A.S.T. Squad.....	\$3,500.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens Council.....	\$570.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vt & NH.....	\$1,350.00
Task Force Against Domestic Violence.....	\$330.00
Includes: Reimbursement from VNAVTH.....	\$1,350.00
 WELFARE.....	 \$2,616.80
General Assistance.....	\$650.00
Alice Melanson, Welfare Director.....	\$1,108.20
Tri-County Assistance (CAP).....	\$400.00
PB Youth & Family Services.....	\$275.00
F.I.C.A.....	\$183.60
 F.E.M.A. (Paving Project)	 \$18,300.00
Bayview Construction.....	\$18,300.00
 F.E.M.A. (Blizzard 2001).....	 \$4,932.12
Bayview Construction.....	\$577.50
Ken Braley & Sons Construction.....	\$1,440.00
Albert Clogston.....	\$770.00
George C. Conkey.....	\$234.49
John Cote.....	\$66.49
William Dyer.....	\$455.00
Legg's Logs.....	\$300.00
Clarence Poitras.....	\$110.82
John Reitsma.....	\$179.80
Rumney Sand and Gravel.....	\$700.00
F.I.C.A.....	\$98.02
 REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.....	 \$971.00
N.H. Assessing Officials' Dues.....	\$20.00
N.H. City & Town Clerks' Dues.....	\$20.00
N.H. Health Officers' Dues.....	\$10.00
N.H. Municipal Assoc. Dues.....	\$500.00
N.H. Public Works Mutual Aid.....	\$25.00
N.H. Tax Collectors' Dues.....	\$20.00
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Reg. Planning.....	\$376.00

INSURANCE.....	\$3,582.54
Liberty Mutual Insurance (Workman's Comp.)..	\$1,298.00
N.H.M.A. Prop./Liab. Insurance.....	\$2,235.00
N.H. Compensation Funds.....	\$49.54
TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN.....	\$14,260.11
TAX REFUNDS.....	\$375.00
GRAFTON COUNTY TAX.....	\$32,338.00
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	\$497.00
Treasurer, State of N.H.....	\$497.00
TO CAPITAL RESERVES.....	\$18,000.00
Town Building Fund.....	\$2,500.00
Highway Equipment Fund.....	\$10,000.00
Bridges Fund.....	\$2,500.00
Revaluation of Property Fund.....	\$3,000.00
MASCOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT.....	\$344,873.00
DEBT SERVICE.....	\$485.02
Tax Anticipation Loan Interest.....	\$485.02
E911 & Emergency Management	\$446.52
Linda Landry (secretary).....	\$258.58
Mileage.....	\$145.10
F.I.C.A.....	\$42.84
TAX LIENS EXPENSES.....	\$4,624.94
Kevin Bolash Welding (gate).....	\$676.75
John Cote.....	\$40.63
Mileage.....	\$66.65
Town of Rumney (tire disposal).....	\$15.00
Waste Management of N.H.....	\$3,819.18
F.I.C.A.....	\$6.73
MOOSE COLLISION.....	\$2,625.16
ARTICLE #6 - HANDICAPPED ACCESS (TOWN HALL).....	\$0.00
ARTICLE #7 - TAX MAPS.....	\$3,231.90

BRIDGE #132/166 (Melanson)	\$48,507.83
Jay Legg.....	\$362.50
A.M. Rand Co.....	\$124.00
John A. Cote.....	\$646.44
Computer/Copier Service.....	\$355.50
Warren Sand & Gravel.....	\$40.25
Mileage.....	\$249.55
Legal Notices.....	\$987.74
Legal.....	\$775.62
Elwin Macomber (surveying).....	\$3,053.00
Linda Landry (Secretary).....	\$1,997.92
Phone/Fax.....	\$398.39
A.N.Luhtala, P.E.....	\$280.00
Postage.....	\$122.87
Supplies.....	\$369.77
Old Mill Properties (Appraisal).....	\$100.00
Small Engine Technology.....	\$10.00
Moulton Construction.....	\$38,250.00
F.I.C.A./Withholding.....	\$384.28

PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES.....\$582,809.59

Receipts January 1, 2001 thru December 31, 2001.....	\$708,276.39
Cash On Hand, January 1, 2001.....	\$41,967.50
Cash Available.....	\$750,243.89
Disbursements, January 1, 2001 thru December 31, 2001.....	\$713,773.97
Cash on Hand, December 31, 2001.....	\$36,469.92
General Fund.....	\$36,469.92
F.E.M.A.....	\$8,067.43
Office Renovation Fund.....	\$237.91
Cash on Hand, December 31, 2001.....	\$36,469.92

2001 ROAD MONEY DISTRIBUTION

PAYROLL.....\$43,424.90

George C. Conkey, II Road Agent	\$20,238.38
John Reitsma, Highway Maintainer (1/01-4/01).....	\$5,675.61
Richard Blodgett.....	\$709.25
Daniel Conkey.....	\$73.88
John A. Cote.....	\$1,030.63
John K. Day.....	\$1,551.86
MaryAnn Goodspeed.....	\$125.59
Brett MacDonald.....	\$2,918.26
Clarence Poltras.....	\$3,742.14
Stuart Rollins.....	\$162.54
Ronald Stokowski.....	\$941.98
Randy Whitehurst.....	\$59.09
F.I.C.A.....	\$6,195.69

SUB-CONTRACTORS.....\$4,507.75

Kevin Bolash Welding.....	\$665.25
Albert Clogston.....	\$962.50
Michael A. Joyce.....	\$1,480.00
Michael A. Landry.....	\$350.00
Richard Remacle.....	\$250.00
Rumney Sand & Gravel.....	\$800.00

FUEL.....\$4,541.22

Balleyhill Motorsports.....	\$60.00
Bradford Pratt's Co.....	\$3,511.39
Davis Gas.....	\$220.00
Ryezak Oil Co.....	\$392.92
Shortt's Garage.....	\$262.21
Yeaton Agway.....	\$94.70

INTERNATIONAL TRUCK EXPENSES.....\$3,645.90

Baileyhill Motorsports.....	\$1,711.71
Dyer's Welding.....	\$42.00
Howard P. Fairfield, Inc.....	\$597.64
Kibby Equipment.....	\$7.08
N.H. Municipal Truck Equipment.....	\$1,054.13
Sanel Auto Parts Co.....	\$15.75
Shortt's Garage.....	\$49.00
Small Engine Technology.....	\$6.30
Wilson Tire Inc.....	\$14.80
Wise Guy's Automotive.....	\$147.49

GMC 1/2 TON TRUCK EXPENSES.....\$10,273.26

Advertising (Newspapers).....	\$171.40
Baileyhill Motorsports.....	\$694.79
Bill's Body Shop.....	\$1,130.00
GMAC Lease/Purchase.....	\$7,171.26
Kelly Auto Body.....	\$25.66
Kibby Equipment.....	\$99.50
Rheinhardt Motors.....	\$31.50
Sanel Auto Parts.....	\$8.90
Shortt's Garage.....	\$702.43
Wise Guy's Automotive.....	\$237.82

FORD 550 TRUCK EXPENSES.....\$14,196.20

Ashland Lumber Co.....	\$42.96
Baileyhill Motorsports.....	\$200.00
Kevin Bolash Welding.....	\$122.50
George C. Conkey II.....	\$5.00
Ford Motor Credit Co.....	\$12,946.63
The Grappone Co.....	\$383.50
N.H. Municipal Truck Equip.....	\$329.05
Venture Print Unlimited.....	\$100.00
Wise Guy Automotive.....	\$66.56

1996 FORD RANGER.....\$11,103.62

Baileyhill Motorsports.....	\$817.31
Lakes Region Two Way.....	\$652.95
Shaker Valley Auto & Tire.....	\$9,318.05
Shortt's Garage.....	\$186.15
Venture Print Unlimited.....	\$90.00
Wise Guy's Automotive.....	\$39.16

LOADER BACKHOE.....\$3,447.10

Baileyhill Motorsport.....	\$42.64
Canaan Hardware.....	\$6.69
Granite State Glass.....	\$95.77
Town Line Equipment.....	\$2,532.83
Wilson Tire Inc.....	\$690.91
Wise Guy Automotive.....	\$78.26

OTHER EQUIPMENT.....\$1,847.47

A.M. Rand Co.....	\$110.19
Howard P. Fairfield (york rake).....	\$663.75
E.W. Steeper (sweeper rental).....	\$990.00
Small Engine Technology.....	\$50.00
Wise Guy Automotive.....	\$33.53

MAINTENANCE MATERIALS..... \$16,586.59

Cargill Salt.....	\$2,418.00
Contech Construction Products.....	\$2,482.12
Dorchester Sand & Stone.....	\$5,550.00
Pike Industries Inc.....	\$1,779.12
Red Hed Supply.....	\$1,394.40
Warren Sand & Gravel Inc.....	\$2,763.00
Robert Withington.....	\$50.00
Yeaton Agway Services.....	\$149.95

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE..... \$10,259.63

A.M. Rand Company.....	\$1,003.34
Ashland Lumber Co.....	\$12.31
Canaan Hardware.....	\$292.71
D.E.S. Wetlands Permit.....	\$50.00
Electricity/Phone.....	\$1,894.62
Film/Processing.....	\$141.76
Hawkensen Equip.....	\$9.87
Kibby Equipment Inc.....	\$8.20
Legg's Logs.....	\$82.08
Legal Notices.....	\$119.79
Merriam-Graves Corp.....	\$145.80
Mileage.....	\$955.81
N.H. Municipal Truck Equip.....	\$166.60
N.H. State of, Treasurer (signs).....	\$2,015.15
Raney's Machine Shop.....	\$300.00
R.P. Johnson.....	\$210.60
Sanel Auto Parts.....	\$48.04
Shaker Valley Auto Parts.....	\$10.48
Small Engine Technology.....	\$202.00
Sosmetal Products.....	\$442.12
UniFirst.....	\$976.77
Wise Guy's Automotive.....	\$697.88
Workshops/Seminars.....	\$470.00
Yeaton Agway Services.....	\$3.70

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TOTAL.....	\$123,833.64

Road Agent's Report

Despite being the object of Mother Nature's wrath, the Dorchester Highway Department has accomplished a great deal this year. Although at times it appeared as we were just barely keeping our heads above water (literally), and the tremendous toll these unforeseen emergencies took on our Road Budget, we were able to complete all that was planned for 2002 with the road sealing project being the only exception. Some of the high and low points of the year 2001 are:

* One night, early in January, during a blinding snow storm, the Town's 1998 GMC 1-ton Dump Truck collided with a large cow moose on Route 118. The moose had to be destroyed and the truck suffered extensive damage including but limited to, a broken windshield, damage to the roof, hood, and plow equipment. Insurance covered the damage and the Truck was back in service just in time for disaster to strike a second time.....

* Late in the afternoon of February 5, the snow started falling thick and heavy. The Highway crew was prepared to plow through the night in order to keep ahead of the rapidly accumulating snow. The Town's 1999 International Plow Truck, broke down on Hearse House Road having traveled less than 2 miles from the Town Garage. The snow at this point was accumulating at a rate in excess of several inches/hour. A repair crew was immediately dispatched, but the problem could not be immediately diagnosed. By 10:00 p.m., a foot and a half of snow had fallen. The Town's 1 ton GMC with the aid of (4) contracted small plow trucks were able to keep the roads in the northern section of the Town open, but River Road was temporarily impassable. When the Storm finally abated the following morning, in excess of 38 inches of snow had fallen in less than eight hours. River Road was opened the following day thanks to the State loaning us one of their contracted trucks and driver. The problem with the International Truck was

eventually attributed to one of the tubes which pull fuel from the fuel tanks. One of these tubes was never properly soldered and had dropped down in to the fuel tank depriving the engine of fuel. Liberty International eventually reimbursed the Town for the repairs as this was determined to be a factory defect. With the help of a contracted loader as well as the Town's loader, roads were eventually widened and made passable just in time for.....

* March 5 and 6. The snow started falling once again. Both trucks were up and running, however the International Truck was the only one with the capability to "wing the snow back to make room for more. Once again, during a 48 hour period an additional 40 inches of snow had blanketed Dorchester. The Town contracted loaders and graders to widen the roads. A Federal disaster was declared, Dorchester applied for and received F.E.M.A. funds. According to one reliable local weather watcher we received in excess of 230 inches of snow for the winter. Disasters come in threes, right? WRONG!!! At least not in Dorchester.

* April 13, Friday the Thirteenth, Easter weekend, an ice jam made its way down the Rocky Branch spewing ice chunks on the road way by the Howe residence. That however was minor compared to the destruction of Town Bridge #132/166, commonly known as Melanson Bridge by an ice jam. This bridge served as the only access to three properties located on the opposite side of the brook, Hank and Alice Melanson were stranded. The Road Agent and Selectman Cote arrived at the site at approximately 6:00 a.m. Arrangements were made to bulldoze an emergency lane from the Bickford Woods Road to the Melanson property. The immediate emergency having been dealt with, the Selectmen and Road Agent wrestled with a permanent solution to the problem of accessibility. Upon the recommendation of the State of New Hampshire, as well as the promise of 80% funding, the Town, through a

Special Town Meeting decided that a permanent road from the Bickford Woods Road would provide access to the affected properties, and eliminate the possibility of losing the bridge again. Bridge #132/166 had been "red listed" (deemed unsafe) by the State for some time, so its destruction merely forced an early solution to a liability problem. The rest of summer and fall was spent in making "Melanson Way" a reality.

- * 1,520 feet of North Dorchester Road was paved.
- * In a labor/equipment swap with Wentworth, we were able to grade, crown and reshape our gravel roads.
- * A heated building was erected by Town employees at the Town Yard which serves as an office/crew room as well as a place where temperature sensitive materials can be stored.
- * After discovering frame damage in the GMC one ton, attributed to metal fatigue rather than accident damage, and facing the prospect of repetitive and costly repairs and down time, the Selectmen determined that replacement was the best option. In July the Town entered into a lease/purchase agreement for a Ford 550 truck, set up specifically for plow/wing operation. The GMC Truck was sold.
- * A 1996 Ford Ranger pickup was purchased for the purpose of checking roads, and department errands. It receives excellent mileage and eliminates putting unnecessary mileage of the two heavy duty trucks.
- * All three trucks have had communication equipment, in the form of two-way radios, installed in them. The Road Agent has also been provided with a wide area pager for matters requiring prompt attention.

- * An aggressive roadside mowing program was continued using contracted equipment.
- * A culvert and drainage inventory was completed and a systematic plan for upgrading and replacement was implemented.
- * Thanks to the donation of land and materials, the Town Trucks now have an adequate turn-around on Cummins Pond Road.
- * A large culvert on the North Dorchester Road threatened to collapse in September. After negotiating the proper Wet Land Permits, the culvert replacement project was completed before winter. Contractors who bent over backwards to change busy schedules to make people and equipment available, material donations, and a local source of fill materials, all were key to getting this urgent unanticipated item taken care of.
- * Thayer Hill was patched with "hot top" late this fall, again with donated materials. This was a necessary measure to ensure the hill would remain passable and plowable over the winter.
- * The Road Agent and his employees effected clean-up on several tax lien properties. These clean-ups were necessary due to safety and health concerns.
- * The Road Agent has continued to participate in continuing education programs provided by the Technology Transfer Center through the University of New Hampshire, as well as the State of New Hampshire, obtaining the Level of Road Scholar II, which requires at least 50 contact hours or 10 one-day workshops and has covers a set of minimum subject areas. These include road design and construction basics, drainage, gravel road maintenance and tort liability.

* Again this year, Selectman Cote, acting as the Selectmen's liaison to the Highway Department, has worked tirelessly coordinating and providing technical support.

In addition to all this, routine activities, including but not limited to painting, mowing, laying up and covering of 1,000 yards of winter sand was accomplished between disasters.

Plans are underway for a very aggressive summer maintenance program for 2002. Attempts are being made to schedule our disasters more conveniently.

In closing, the Dorchester Highway Department is here to serve the needs of the people of Dorchester. If you require anything regarding town roads, please call the Highway Garage at 786-23-2385, and leave a message.

Respectfully, submitted,
George C. Conkey, II
Road Agent

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Dorchester Planning Board 2001

The Planning Board was very busy this year and a number of items of Town Business were successfully completed.

First, the Planning Board is fully staffed and the current members are as follows:

David A. Morrill, Chairman

Linda Landry, Secretary

Darlene Oaks

David DeVall

James Scott

John A. Côté, Selectmen's Representative

Second, the Planning Board reviewed and approved two minor subdivisions; the Stout Subdivision and the Estabrook Subdivision.

Third, the Planning Board heard a "setback variance" request from Clifford and Linda Whitcomb. The board forwarded the request to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and helped mediate a solution.

Fourth, the Planning Board visited the proposed excavation site of Michael and Linda Landry located on Province Road. After, careful review of all the information as well as public input, the Board approved and issued a license to excavate to Michael and Linda Landry.

I wish to thank all those who participated in any way to help and support the Planning Board and who came to the meeting.

David A. Morrill, Chairman
Dorchester Planning Board



Dorchester Planning Board



**2nd Wednesday of each month
7:00 p.m. ~ Town Office**

January 9, 2002

February 13, 2002

March 13, 2002

April 10, 2002

May 8, 2002

June 12, 2002

July 10, 2002

August 14, 2002

September 11, 2002

October 9, 2002

November 13, 2002

December 11, 2002



2001 REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

CEMETERY TRUSTS

Lucy Hazen & Sanborn Kimball Fund

Balance, 12/31/00.....	\$273.38
Interest 2001.....	\$9.37
Balance, 12/31/01.....	\$282.75

Scott Burleigh Fund

Balance, 12/31/00.....	\$835.43
Interest 2001.....	\$28.63
Balance, 12/31/01.....	\$864.06

Paul Hutchinson Fund

Balance, 12/31/00.....	\$1,391.53
Interest 2001.....	\$47.69
Balance, 12/31/01.....	\$1,439.23

J. C. Davenport Fund

Balance, 12/31/00.....	\$199.67
Interest 2001.....	\$6.84
Balance, 12/31/01.....	\$206.51

Joseph & Katherine Grochocki Fund

Balance, 12/31/00.....	\$350.21
Interest 2001.....	\$12.00
Balance, 12/31/01.....	\$362.22

Town Cemetery Fund

Balance, 12/31/00.....	\$2,200.17
Interest 2001.....	\$75.41
Balance, 12/31/01.....	\$2,275.57

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Town Building Fund

Balance, 12/31/00.....	\$37,529.02
New Funds 2001.....	\$2,500.00
Expended 2001.....	\$0.00
Interest 2001.....	\$2,052.59
Balance, 12/31/01.....	\$42,081.61

Highway Equipment & Maintenance Fund

Balance, 12/31/00.....	\$22,181.33
New Funds 2001.....	\$10,000.00
Expended 2001.....	\$0.00
Interest 2001.....	\$1,414.41
Balance, 12/31/01.....	\$33,591.91

Bridges Fund

Balance, 12/31/00.....	\$22,734.35
New Funds 2001.....	\$2,500.00
Expended 2001.....	\$0.00
Interest 2001.....	\$1,253.46
Balance, 12/31/01.....	\$26,487.81

Property Revaluation Fund

Balance, 12/31/00.....	\$21,487.71
New Funds 2001.....	\$3,000.00
Expended 2001.....	\$0.00
Interest 2001.....	\$1,197.68
Balance, 12/31/01.....	\$25,685.39

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda A. Howe
Brian A. Howe
Darlene Oaks
Trustees of Trust Funds

COMMUNITY FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing **ALL** outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for any open burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs. Open burning is a privilege, **NOT** a right. Help us to protect you and our forest resource! Build small brush piles that can be quickly burned and extinguished.

New Hampshire experienced over 940 wildland fires in 2001. Most of the fires were human caused. Due to dry conditions fires spread quickly impacting more than 20 structures. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. **Only You Can Prevent Wildland Fires.** Contact your local Fire Department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands website at www.nhdfi.com or call 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

**REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST
FIRES!**

2001 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru November 26, 2001)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Hillsborough	198	68
Rockingham	135	90
Merrimack	70	20
Belknap	89	18
Cheshire	147	41
Strafford	57	54
Carrol	62	12
Grafton	109	99
Sullivan	22	10
Coos	53	16

CAUSES OF FIRES

Illegal	279
Unknown	201
Smoking	86
Children	69
Campfire	49
Rekindle of Permit	45
Arson	31
Lightning	24
Misc*	<u>158</u>
	942

*Misc: (powerlines, fireworks, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, equipment, etc.)

	<u>TOTAL FIRES</u>	<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>
2001	942	428
2000	516	149
1999	1301	452

Stephen M. Kessler, Forest Ranger

Jay Legg, Forest Fire Warden

Dorchester Zoning Board of Adjustment 2001

The Zoning Board of Adjustment has established a working quorum and the new members are:

David A. Morrill, Chairman

Brian Howe

Stewart Ross

Secretary to the Z.B.A., Linda Landry

Permit Officer, Selectman John A. Cote

The Zoning Board of Adjustment heard the "setback variance" request of Clifford and Linda Whitcomb. After visiting the site, checking regulations, and reviewing the map of the Whitcomb lot; the Board deemed the variance in the setback requirements to be reasonable. A building permit was issued at that time.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment was also involved in granting a special exception permit for retail sales and service to Michael and Linda Landry. This special exception permit allowed the Landry's to open a commercial sand pit and place a commercial sign at the entrance to the sand pit located on Province Road.

David A. Morrill, Chairman

Dorchester Zoning Board of Adjustment

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

**Serving Coos, Carroll & Grafton Counties
30 Exchange Street, Berlin, N.H. 03570
1-800-552-4617**

Tri-County Community Action Program is a private, not-for-profit agency.

The following is a report of services provided in fiscal year 2000-2001

Community Contact has provided assistance to **38** individuals who are Dorchester's citizens, and certified **20** fuel assistance households, **7** being elderly. The total Fuel Assistance Benefits for Dorchester CAP clients this year totaled **\$8,618.59**. Emergency food and other pantry referrals were given to **10** residents. There were **8** other referrals to clients, in the areas of health, housing, income, budget and energy (Neighbor Helping Neighbor and Project Care). CAP also provided weatherization to two Dorchester homes totaling **\$4,602**.

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION HAS SPENT \$13,220.59 ON DORCHESTER CITIZENS BETWEEN JULY 1, 2000 AND JULY 30, 2001

Community Contact provides these and other necessary services for the less fortunate citizens in our communities. We are depending upon funding from your town and neighboring communities countywide. The local funds are combined with the Community Services Block Grant, Fuel Assistance and NH Emergency Shelter Grant, Homeless Programs and FEMA. We also are the conduits through which the USDA Surplus Food gets distributed to the food pantries throughout Grafton County to serve our residents.

We appreciate the Town of Dorchester's support and cooperation in the past and look forward to continuing our partnership to provide essential services to your residents.

**VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT AND
NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.
MASCOMA HOME HEALTH SERVICES BRANCH
REPORT TO THE TOWN OF DORCHESTER**

Your Visiting Nurse Alliance services are like your police and fire departments. We are a vital part of your community safety net-with services that must be continuously available for you or anyone else who might need them.

- * Town funds enable your family, friends and neighbors to remain at home and to receive skilled clinical services during times of injury, recovery from surgery or accidents, disability, short-term and chronic illness. Town funds provide support and symptom control during terminal illness, and chronic illness. Town funds provide support and symptom control during terminal illness, community wellness and important assistance to families at risk.
- * Town funds help provide a comprehensive range of necessary care (determined by hospital discharge planners and attending physicians) for persons of all ages and economic backgrounds including those who are unable to pay or who do not have adequate health insurance.

The Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc. provided the following services in the **Town of Dorchester** during the past year (July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001):

Visits

Skilled Nursing.....68
Physical Therapy.....83
Speech Therapy.....13
Occupational Therapy.....27
Medical Social Worker.....3
Home Health Aide.....136
Homemaker.....50
Hospice.....32
TOTAL VISITS.....412

Family Support Services

Families.....7
Individuals.....32
Home Visits.....170

Maternal and Child Health

Children.....2
Home Visits.....4

WIC Program

Clients.....4
Clinic Visits.....12

Hospice VNH Volunteers

Patient/Families Served.....2

TASK FORCE AGAINST DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

**P.O. Box 53
258 Highland Street
Plymouth, N.H. 03264
Crises Line (603) 532-1659
Office: (603) 536-3423**

The Task Force Against Domestic and Sexual Violence has been offering free crisis services to the Grafton County community for 20 years. During that time we have developed a 24-hour crisis line, emergency shelter options for women, children and men escaping from violent domestic situations. Professionals, from police to medical personnel, have been educated and trained to increase their expertise when working with victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Over the 20-year period the focus has been to offer options and alternatives to victims of violence. During this next decade we are developing preventative models to stop the spread of violence in communities before it reaches a crisis stage. One step in that model is to present options and skills to children. During the past couple of years Crisis Educators were hosted by schools and other community agencies to facilitate such programs. As community members, *The Task Force* staff and volunteers continue our commitment to reach as many residents as we can to teach the tools and skills necessary to avoid and limit crisis situations.

Domestic and Sexual Violence programs are primarily funded through grants. Grants make up 86% of *The Task Force* budget. We project an income total of 4% of our budget from the eighteen towns within our jurisdiction.

Serving the Towns of: Alexandria, Ashland, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Dorchester, Ellsworth, Groton, Hebron, Holderness, Lincoln, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Warren, Waterville Valley, Wentworth, Woodstock

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

Grafton County

P.O. Box 433

Lebanon, NH 03766-0433

2001 ANNUAL REPORT

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2001, 18 older residents of Dorchester were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center or the Mascoma Area Senior Center:

- * Older adults from Dorchester enjoyed **658** balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- * Dorchester residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on **345** occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- * They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through **99** visits by a trained social worker.
- * Dorchester's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through **611** hours of volunteer service

The cost to provide Council services for Dorchester residents in 2001 was **\$8,818.13**.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. In addition, community-based services offered by the Council save tax dollars over nursing home care or other long-term care options. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Dorchester's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Carol W. Dustin, Executive Director

***Mascoma Area Senior Center
P.O. Box 210
Canaan, NH 03741
523-4333***

***Plymouth Regional Senior Center
P.O. Box 478
Plymouth, NH 03264
536-1204***

PEMI-BAKER YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES COUNCIL, INC. 2001 ANNUAL REPORT

The Council is an organization dedicated to promoting community-wide approaches that support the development of healthy youths and their families. The major programs we operate are:

- 1. The Plymouth District court Juvenile Diversion Program** ~ a program for first-time juvenile offenders which holds them accountable to themselves and their communities without incurring the expenses of going to court. The program is almost entirely comprised of concerned volunteers. We combine community service with different forms of education to help get kids back on track. Referrals come either directly from your police department or through the court.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ~ Please Read:

DIVERSION WORKS!!!! Of all the youths who graduated from the Juvenile Diversion Program in 1999 and 2000 only 3.7% of the youths have offended again. This can be compared to the alarming 60% recidivism rate of similar youths who went to court.

IT'S LESS EXPENSIVE!!!! The total cost of court-ordered services for youths in Grafton County for this period was over \$3 millions. This averages into over **\$7,600.00 for each youth** served. This figure does not include the cost of paying judges and other court personnel, your police officers, school representatives, DCYF, etc. for their time. It also does not include the cost of lost wages and other incalculable losses.

- 2. Community Service Coordinator** ~ In order to help support the work your police and schools do with youths, we are available to link youths with positive, productive service projects that will benefit your community. Our goal is to enhance youths' investment in their community, as well as a sense of accomplishment and pride that comes by helping others.
- 3. Information and Referral** ~ provides residents of our County with a directory of human services agencies and the programs they offer. 3,000 Grafton County Resource Guides were published and distributed by this office to schools, police, human service agencies and the general public. The 2002 Resource Guides are being prepped for the printing press now and should be out in the early spring of 2002. Our other main **Information & Referral Service** is the

Pemi-Baker Resource Line. This is a collaborative project between our agency, Speare Memorial Hospital and the Whole Village Family Resource Center. Anyone may call with a variety of needs and be connected to people and programs that can help. Nearly 550 people from around the county utilized this service in 2000.

- 4. The OPTIONS Program** ~ An early intervention program designed to offer participants honest information and to promote safe and open discussions about the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (ATOD's). This course also addresses other high-risk behaviors and stresses self-assessment of each participant's relationship with ATOD's

In the past four (5) years. NOT ONE of the youths we've worked with, in the **OPTIONS Program** has returned to court for a subsequent offense.

OPTIONS is currently available to your town through your police department and the court, and families may refer their sons and daughters themselves. We have been a very active program for students who violate the alcohol and other drug policies at Plymouth regional High School as well as Newfound Regional High School. Further we are working to provide this service at Lin-Wood, as well.

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 2001 ANNUAL REPORT

The UVLSRPC is a nonprofit, voluntary association of 30 communities in Vermont and New Hampshire and has been serving the Region since 1963. The majority of the Region's residents work, shop, go to school and obtain most other services in one of the Region's three socioeconomic centers: the Upper Valley core of Hartford/Lebanon/Hanover, Sullivan County's Claremont-Newport job center, or the New London/Lake Sunapee area. One of our purposes is to guide, coordinate and promote sound economic growth and development, and prepare, maintain and implement a comprehensive regional plan for these areas. Your community's membership in the regional planning commission provides you with a voice in regional and statewide decision-making that affects the future of your community, such as: where growth should occur and what special places our citizens want protected for future generations; what the responsibilities are of job centers to the surrounding communities that provide homes for their workers; how to allocate federal transportation dollars to best balance the needs of residents with those passing through; and state obligations to our communities when they issue permits that may have significant scenic impacts, or threaten water quality, or change our villages and downtowns.

It has been a busy year for us, with several new initiatives underway. With our economic development partners, we have begun steps to extend the eligibility for increased federal economic development funding that we brought to eastern Vermont this year to our New Hampshire communities in the coming years. The Upper Valley Housing Needs Assessment we coordinated began to answer some important questions about the economic development, land use and social issues interacting with our Region's housing supply, and the November Workforce Housing Summit we initiated as follow-up provided a forum to begin developing solutions. The transportation needs of our busiest population center are being addressed more cooperatively through our assistance with the creation of a public-private Transportation Management Association, and our rural villages will get some help steering federal and state transportation dollars to better meet their needs through our upcoming Rural Village Highway Design Guide. Building on our long history of involvement in the Connecticut River watershed, we are currently involved in watershed protection activities in the Cold River, Sugar River

and Mascoma River watersheds in New Hampshire, and the Lull's Brook and White River watersheds in Vermont. The Mascoma River watershed work is coupled with our first comprehensive hazard mitigation planning effort.

In addition to involvement in regional issues, UVLSRPC provides technical assistance to member communities with the development and implementation of local plans. Areas of expertise available include, but are not limited to, land use planning and regulation, transportation planning, emergency management, natural resource planning and regulation, community development and grant administration. Our professional planning staff, data, maps and library regularly provide information, guidance and training to board members and residents of communities such as Dorchester. We also serve many area nonprofits, such as housing and land trusts, public transit providers, and solid waste and watershed groups.

We appreciate Dorchester's participation and support and look forward to continuing to serve your community in the coming years.

**REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE
2002
by
RAYMOND S. BURTON, COUNCILOR
DISTRICT ONE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
ROOM 207
STATE HOUSE
CONCORD, NH 03301
Tel. 603-271-3632
Rburton4@gte.net**

The Governor and five member Executive Council are very much like an elected "Board of Directors", who along with 294 Commissioners and Directors, administer the laws and budget as passed by the New Hampshire General Court (House and Senate).

We perform a variety of Executive Branch functions, such as, general supervision of all state departments and state expenditures, pardon matters, eminent domain, state contracts and leases, public waters, the planning of the Transportation 10-year plan, and confirmation of the Governor's nominations to the Judicial Branch of your NH State Government (for a complete explanation, please contact my office).

As we look into the immediate future, I would encourage all citizens to be in contact with all of us in your elected representative bodies, at the local, state and federal levels. We cannot truly represent you if we do not know of your ideas, concerns and aspirations.

If you are interested in serving on a volunteer commission or board, please contact my office at 271-3632 or Kathy Goode, Director of Appointments and Governor Shaheen's Liaison to the Council at 271-2121. The District Health Councils are always looking for members; if interested, please call Lori Real at 1-800-852-3345 ext. 4235 and request a packet of information about what this key planning process is all about. All of the Governor and Council appointments to Boards and Commissions are listed in the Webster System at:
webster.state.nh.us/sos/redbook/index.htm.

We need to work our NH Congressional Delegation in Washington. Senators Judd Gregg and Bob Smith and Congressmen Charlie Bass and John Sununu all have strong and powerful committee assignments and are well connected to do more for NH. We need to let them know what is needed for our localities and regions, so ring their bell. . .Senator

Gregg at (603)225-7115; Senator Smith at 1-800-922-2230;
Congressman Bass at (603) 226-0249; and Congressman Sununu at
(603) 641-9536.

It is a pleasure to serve you. Please contact my office for a listing of
toll free 800 numbers and a copy of the newly printed NH Constitution.
Always know that I am ready to assist you, your town and region.

Raymond S. Burton
338 River Road
Bath, NH 03740
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Car Phone (603) 481-0863
E-mail: ray.burton4@gte.net
rburton@gov.state.nh.us

Towns in Council District #1

CARROLL COUNTY:

Albany, Bartlett,
Chatham, Conway, Eaton,
Ellingham, Freedom, Hart's Loc.,
Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough,
Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth,
Tiltonboro, Wakefield, Wolfeboro.

GRAFTON COUNTY:

Alexandria, Ashland, Beth,
Benton, Bethlehem, Bridgewater,
Bristol, Campton, Canaan,
Dorchester, Easton, Ellsworth,
Enfield, Franconia, Grafton,
Groton, Hanover, Haverhill,
Hebron, Holderness, Lendell,
Lebanon, Lincoln, Lisbon,
Livermore, Littleton, Lyman,
Lyme, Monroe, Orange, Orford
Piermont, Plymouth, Rumney,
Sugar Hill, Thornton, Warren,
Waterville Valley, Wentworth,
Woodstock

BELKNAP COUNTY:

Alton, Belmont, Center Harbor,
Gilford, Laconia, Meredith,
New Hampton, Sanbornton, Tilton

COOS COUNTY:

Berlin, Carroll, Clarksville,
Colebrook, Columbia, Dalton,
Dixville, Dummer, Errol,
Gorham, Jefferson, Lancaster,
Milan, Millsfield, Northumberland,
Pittsburg, Randolph, Shelburne,
Stewartstown, Stark, Stratford,
Whitelaid

SULLIVAN COUNTY:

Charlestown, Claremont, Cornish,
Croydon, Grantham, Newport
Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee



UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION GRAFTON COUNTY 2001 ANNUAL REPORT

UNH Cooperative Extension provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Funded through the federal, state and county governments, UNH Cooperative Extension provides education and research for local residents. Educational programs are designed to respond to the local needs of citizens through direction and support of an elected volunteer advisory council.

Education Programs focus on:

Dairy and Pasture Management	Forestry & Wildlife Resources
Agricultural Resources	Family & Community Development
4-H Youth Development	Water Quality
Nutrition & Food Safety	Family Life Skill for Employment

A professional staff of six educators works out of the Extension Office located in the Grafton County Courthouse in North Haverhill. Two additional staff members work in Plymouth and Littleton to provide educational programs for limited-resource families. Additional support is provided through trained volunteers who assist with our programs and increase our outreach capabilities.

New or enhanced efforts during FY01 (October 2000 Through September 2001) include:

- * Continued an after-school program in Haverhill that reached over twenty students during the 2000-2001 school year.
- * A goose Pond Watershed Analysis was completed for the Town of Canaan
- * Sawmills received assistance from Extension's Forest Industry Specialist to maintain competitive in the marketplace.
- * An AmeriCorps Promise Fellow provided 1700 volunteer hours teaching nutrition in area schools and assisted with other programming.
- * Educational efforts at Hannah House and the Wreath School focused on the needs of young parents and child nutrition.
- * New colorized aerial photos allow foresters and landowners to assess the impact of damage from the 1998 Ice Storm.
- * Continuing grant monies allowed us to keep the Water Quality Laboratory at Woodsville High School open and train volunteers to monitor their waterways.

- * The 4-H Program continued to show a strong presence in clubs throughout the county and at the North Haverhill Fair. The Grafton 4-H Leaders Association ran the Fifth Annual "Playing for Clover" Golf Tournament to raise money to support youth activities. Teen club members traveled to Tennessee in a week-long exchange program. 4-H Members participated in state, regional and national events.
- * A timber sale on the Grafton County Farm Tree Farm produced revenue for the farm. This forest is used as a demonstration site for professional logger and forester training programs.
- * Forest Stewardship plans continue to be implemented on thousands of acres damaged by the 1998 Ice Storm, to restore habitat, recreation utility and timber productivity.
- * Volunteers trained 19 youth in entrepreneurship and ran a six-week Mini-Society.
- * The students at Lin-Wood Junior/Senior High School participated in the Teen Assessment Project, a 160 question survey. Presentations to school personnel and community leaders have started the process of working with the community to analyze the data and implement changes to reduce risky behavior. In the Plymouth Regional High School community 900 parents received a series of six newsletters dealing with their TAP data.
- * Money Management classes were started at the Friendship House in Bethlehem and with the Academy Diversion adult program out of Woodsville. In addition, all County Head Start programs received training in nutrition and parenting.
- * Sixteen adults attended LEAP classes to help make the welfare-to-work transition.
- * As part of a new collaboration with AHEAD, Inc. a non-profit affordable housing agency. Extension will provide financial literacy classes for working families.

Here in Grafton County the office is located on Route 10 in North Haverhill in the Grafton County Courthouse. We are open from 8 AM until 4 PM Monday through Friday.

You can reach us: by phone - (603) 787-6944; fax - (603) 787-2009; email graffton@ceunhce.unh.edu, at our office in North Haverhill; or through our UNHCE Web site <http://ceinfo.unh.edu>.

University of New Hampshire Technology Transfer Center

Dear Board of Selectmen:

It is a pleasure to inform you that John A. Cote has achieved the status of Senior Road Scholar. The Technology Transfer Center has created the Road Scholar Program to recognize various achievement levels. The Technology Transfer Center is sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. One of the missions of the technology Transfer Center is to provide educational support for the people who build and maintain the nation's infrastructure.

Senior Road Scholar is the third achievement level in the Road Scholar Program. It is distinguished from the other levels by requiring the completion of 70 contact hours plus the requirements for Road Scholar Two. The typical training session yields five hours of contact; therefore, an individual must typically attend fourteen one-day sessions to reach the level John has completed.

On behalf of the Technology Transfer Center, I am pleased to notify you of the extra effort and commitment that John has demonstrated in order to achieve this status. He deserves to be congratulated for his persistence and drive to maintain a leading edge in the field of local road maintenance and construction.

Sincerely,
Kathy L. DesRoches
Assistant Director
University of New Hampshire
Technology Transfer Center

VITAL STATISTICS DORCHESTER, N.H. BIRTHS

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Lebanon, N.H.	01-10-01	Justin Daniel Houghton	Elizabeth Houghton Andrew Houghton
Lebanon, N.H.	03-21-01	Michaela Faith Holmes	Donna Holmes Robert Holmes

MARRIAGES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom/Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>
02-24-01	Stuart K. Rollins Nadine I. Conkey	Dorchester, N.H. Dorchester, N.H
07-28-01	Eric W. Gray Lacy G. Barrow	Dorchester, NH Dorchester, NH
08-04-01	John W. Hession Valerie J. Michaud	Hebron, NH Dorchester, NH
08-04-01	Paul K. Nganga Joevana L. Gilbert	Everett, MA Dorchester, NH
09-08-01	Ryan L. Burke Amanda J. Delsart	Fenton, MO Dorchester, NH

DEATHS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Blanche A. MacDonald	09-29-01	Plymouth, N.H	Herbert Ashley Phyllis Bean
A. R. Stone	11-29-01	Lebanon, NH	Hector McLean Anna (unknown)

Summary of the Dorchester 2001 Town Meeting

The election of Town officials was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2001.

Polls opened at 11:00 a.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m.

The remaining business was conducted on Saturday, March 17, 2001.

Article 1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

Results of election as follows:

Selectman for three (3) years - Robert R. Estabrook - 73 votes

Treasurer for one (1) year - Edwin (Jim) Scott - 80 votes

Tax Collector for one (1) year - Delbert Pratt - 88 votes

Town Clerk for one (1) year - Brenda Howe - 86 votes

Road Agent for one (1) year - George C. Conkey, II - 54 votes

Trustee of Trust Fund for 3 years - Darlene Oaks - 79 votes

Auditors for 1 year - Martha L. Walker - 81 votes

Cindy Azotea - 10 votes

Cemetery Trustee for 3 years - Martha Walker - 4 votes

Planning Board for 1 year - David DeVal - 75 votes

Planning Board for 2 years (2) - David Morrill - 60 votes

Linda Landry - 65 votes

Planning Board for 3 years (2)- Jim Scott - 66 votes

Darlene E. Oaks - 69 votes

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) to be added to the capital reserve funds of the Town as follows:

Town Building Fund.....\$2,500.00

Highway Equipment Fund..... \$10,000.00

Bridge Fund..... \$2,500.00

Revaluation of Property Fund..... \$3,000.00

Recommended by Selectmen

Moderator read the article. Opened for discussion.

Robert Estabrook moved the question, seconded by David Morrill.

Article 2 PASSED as read

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund, established at the 1953 Town Meeting. A public hearing must be held by the Selectmen before proceeding with any expenditure.

(Article 3 Cont.)

Article read and put on the floor by Andrew Houghton, seconded by Clarence Poitras.

Andrew Houghton discussed reasons to change.

Ronald Milburn asked a question.

Mr. Houghton replied.

David Morrill discussed lease/purchase agreements, and urged people to vote no on this article.

John Franz spoke.

Jay Legg asked a question.

Mr. Estabrook responded.

Brian Howe explained Trustee of Trust Fund policy.

Michael Landry spoke.

Joshua Trought asked what the selectmen were planning to buy.

Mr. Estabrook and Mr. Houghton replied.

David Morrill moved the question.

Seconded by Jim Scott.

Article 3 DEFEATED

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, established at the 1947 Town Meeting and amended at the 1966 Town Meeting. A public hearing must be held by the Selectmen before proceeding with any expenditure.

Article read and put on the floor by John Cote, seconded by Mr. Estabrook.

Patricia Franz asked if the hearing would be binding or not.

Mr. Estabrook explained.

David Morrill spoke against the article.

Brian Howe spoke.

Joshua Trought spoke.

Linda Landry spoke.

Jay Legg asked about backhoe and one ton truck.

George Conkey explained road department needs.

John Cote said the Selectmen plan to sell the one ton truck and purchase new.

David Morrill moved the question, seconded by Brian Howe.

Moderator called for show of hands:

12 to move the question ~ 10 not

Article 4 read

Room divided:

10 yes ~ 12 no

Article 4 DEFEATED

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to change the term of office of Road Agent from a one (1) year to a three (3) year term. Change to take effect with the March 2002 election (by paper ballot)

Article read and put on the floor by John Cote, seconded by Jim Scott.

Michael Landry spoke in favor of the article and expressed the importance of long term planning.

Joshua Trought spoke in favor

David Morrill asked for Road Agent's thoughts

George Conkey explained.

Linda Landry spoke in favor.

Pat Franz spoke.

Moderator moved the question.

Paper Ballot: Vote 25 YES ~3 NO

Article 5 PASSED as read

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of repairs and construction of a Handicapped access at the Dorchester Town Hall. This appropriation will be non lapsing until December 31, 2002.

Recommended by Selectmen

Moderator read article and put on the floor by Mr. Houghton, seconded by Mr. Estabrook.

David Morrill spoke.

Mr. Houghton responded.

Edith Gray asked a question.

Mr. Houghton explained.

Mr. Landry spoke.

Moderator moved the question

Article 6 PASSED as read

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$7,200.00) for the development and publishing of computerized tax maps. This appropriation will be non lapsing until December 31, 2004

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 7 read and put on the floor by Mr. Estabrook, seconded by Mr. Houghton

Mr. Estabrook explained need.

Mr. Landry spoke in favor.

Brian Howe asked the name of the company doing it.

Mr. Houghton responded.

David Morrill supported the article

(Article 7 cont.)

Jay Legg questioned 911 maps.
Pay Franz questioned updating data.
Linda Landry explained.
John Franz asked about software.
Mr. Houghton responded.
Moderator moved the question.

Article 7 PASSED as read

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty-six thousand seven hundred eighty-one dollars and seventy-one cents (\$186,781.71), to defray Town charges. (This excludes the amounts raised in Articles 2,6 & 7)

Article read and put on the floor by Mr. Estabrook, seconded by Mr. Houghton.
Mr. Estabrook explained increase in road budget.
George Conkey spoke in favor.
David Morrill had a question on the roads.
Linda Landry spoke.
Mr. Estabrook discussed sealing roads and culverts.
Walter Morgan questioned if the Revaluation Fund was duplicate spending of funds on tax maps.
Mr. Houghton explained it would help reduce the cost.
Mr. Morrill expressed a need to plan ahead.
Linda Landry spoke.
Moderator moved the question

Article 8 PASSED as read

Article 9. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Article read and open to discussion.
John Franz discussed school costs and urged the Selectmen to get involved in school issues, he also asked the Planning Board to express thanks to the family of Mr. Wexler for his help.
Mr. Morrill asked about land near present buildings.
Mr. Houghton explained.
Darlene Oaks questioned using Capital Reserve Funds as collateral.
Mr. Landry suggested Block Grant monies be looked into, also surplus purchases.
David Morrill moved to adjourn the meeting and Clarence Poitras seconded.

Voted to adjourn the meeting a 11:53 a.m.

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